MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: Out of the 32 buses fitted with gas plant how many are running?

MR. E. G. SALTER: All of them.

Spare parts supplied to the State Transport Department.

154. ***MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI**: Will the Government be pleased to state the firms or companies which supplied the State Transport Department with materials and spare parts for motor vehicles in the year 1120 with the value and general description of materials or spare parts supplied by each firm or company?

MR. E. G. SALTER: The time and labour involved in collecting the information is not commensurate with the public interest served thereby.

Bus-stand waiting shed at Nedumangad.

155. ***MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI**: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Transport Department has realised the difficulties the travelling public suffer on account of the want of a waiting shed at Nedumangad?

MR. E. G. SALTER: Yes.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Has the Department taken any measures to have a shed put up at Nedumangad?

MR. E. G. SALTER: Yes, Sir. Negotiations are proceeding in the matter and I would like to take this opportunity to explain to the House the very great difficulty in regard to the matter of obtaining land necessary for waiting-sheds. I would also take the opportunity to appeal to Municipalities to co-operate with us in this matter.

Contract with Messrs. Ardeshir and Company, Madras for the supply of tyres.

156. ***MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the contract with Messrs. Ardeshir & Company, Madras dated 21-2-1938 for the supply of tyres was renewed; and

(*b*) if so, when and for what period, and the rates fixed therein?

MR. E. G. SALTER: (*a*) and (*b*) The member is referred to the answer given on the 22nd August 1944 to question No. 113 at the first session of the 3rd Sri Mulam Assembly 1944.

Sabarimala pilgrims and war exhibition visitors.

157. ***MR. P. S. GOPALA PILLAI** (*Meenachil* cum *Thodupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) for how many days special Express services were conducted for the convenience of Sabarimala pilgrims and war exhibition visitors from Kottayam to Trivandrum and Chengannur to Trivandrum; and

(*b*) whether the fare for both the services was the same?

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